The executive board of the Women’s Commission (WC) has been very busy planning and preparing for an exciting year ahead. During our June WC retreat, the executive board - through thoughtful reflection and prayer - created the theme for 2013-2014: “Connecting the Women of SLU.” It is our hope that the women of SLU will meet, connect, collaborate, form friendships and learn of opportunities for enrichment, education and empowerment through our programs this academic year.

To that end, Donna Nonnenkamp, Chair of Programs, and Tammi Moosenghian, Chair of Member Development, have worked with their respective committees in developing some of the most riveting programs with expert speakers and began the development of member engagement strategies. We will once again host a “new employee reception” in the fall and one in the spring. Chris Luebbert, Issues committee Chair, will be working to gather resources for SLU Women to be posted on a new page on the website. Our communications team, Maria Totoraitis, Michele Carley and Danielle Lacey have been working on design and layout of all WC materials, website and Newslink updates. Julie Wolter, Awards Chair, is preparing to call for nominations for YWCA Leaders in the Workplace.

I am thankful for all of the efforts of our board and committee members. We are excited about this coming year and look forward to connecting with you at the many amazing events planned this year.

Sue McGahan, Women’s Commission 2013-2014 President

You’re Already a Member of the Women’s Commission!

All women of Saint Louis University are considered members of the Women’s Commission as soon as they join SLU. As part of the Commission’s bylaws revision last year, the Member Development committee was added to make certain that all our members are aware of our mission, and that they know ways to get involved. Committees have been establish for this academic year, but throughout the year, ad hoc committees are created for specific programs and events as well. Email Member Development Chair Tammi Mooshegian at mooshetr@slu.edu if you’re interested in joining an ad hoc committee.
I Don’t Know How I Do It All Either program on Sept. 25

Are you finding it more challenging than ever to juggle the demands of your job and the rest of your life? Do you have too much to do, too many priorities, too much stress and too little time? If so, then the Women’s Commission’s first program of the year is for you! I Don’t Know How I Do It All Either!

Allison Miller, Ph.D., Associated Professor, SLU Department of Biology; Leanna Fenneberg, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President of Student Development; and Amanda Waltos, Pre-Med Scholar student in the Doisy College of Health Sciences will share their insights and experiences "balancing it all" in a lively discussion for faculty, staff and students. As a special bonus all those in attendance will receive 35 Vitality Points. RSVP for this event online via Google Docs.

Wednesday, Sept. 25.  
Arrive at 11:45 a.m.  
Program lasts from noon to 1 p.m.  
Room 256, Busch Student Center

Call for Nominations—YWCA Leader Lunch

Since 1984, the YWCA has recognized the commitment and contributions of working women from the St. Louis area at an event called “Leaders in the Workplace.” Saint Louis University recognizes our own women of achievement by participating in this event. This year’s Leader Lunch will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013.

SLU will participate in the program by selecting eight women across the University from your nominations. We want to acknowledge how they have contributed to the growth and enrichment of both the University and the greater metropolitan community. Please compose your nomination letter and include the following information about your nominee:

- Outstanding work performance
- Special talents
- Leadership qualities
- Outside activities
- Service to others
- Other notable qualities

The nominee should be someone who has been employed at the University at least three years. Women who have been previously selected for this honor are not eligible.

The SLU Leaders in the Workplace honorees will be recognized by the Women’s Commission newsletter, website, Newslink and Grand Connections following the luncheon.

Please complete your nomination and submit to Julie Wolter, Women’s Commission Awards Chair, no later than Friday, Oct. 18. You can email your submission to wolterjl@slu.edu or by inter-office mail (Allied Health building room 3008).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN HONORING OUR GREAT SLU WOMEN!

Spotlight on Outstanding Women at SLU

Several SLU women moved into new positions this summer. Some of them include: Katie Devany, named the new program coordinator and instructor for SLU’s Hospitality Management program in the School for Professional Studies (SPS). Jennifer Roberts, Ph.D., was named new Assistant Chair of Renaissance Programs in Education in SPS. The John Cook School of Business announced the appointment of Kathy Cramer, Ph.D., as director of the Executive in Residence program. D’Ann Keller was hired as Assistant Director of Athletics for Administration, and Kellynn Wilson was named Director of Athletic Academic Services. Patty Haberberger was named Interim Vice President for Human Resources. Bridget Fletcher was named Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff. Susanne Chawszczechowski, Ph.D., (Grad E&PS ’98) is SLU’s new Director of Campus Ministry. Melinda Pullen Carlson is the new Director of Housing and Residence Life. Lisa Dorsey was named Associate Academic Vice President for Undergraduate Education.
Updates to SLU’s Sexual Assault and Harassment Policies Announced

In the September 2013 edition of Human Resources’ MAGIS, SLU announced updates to the Sexual Assault and Harassment policies. The Sexual Assault Policy Advisory Board worked throughout the summer to revise and update the university’s policies. According to MAGIS, the changes are aligned with the new guidance following the University of Montana’s Resolution Agreement (dated May 2013), the Violence Against Women Act (which is scheduled to go into effect in March 2014), and preferred practices outlined by the Department of Justice and Office for Civil Rights. View the Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence and Harassment policies on the Women’s Commission’s website, wc.slu.edu.

2013-2014 Calendar of Events

The Saint Louis University community is invited to learn what the Women’s Commission at SLU is all about by attending one of our many informative and educational events.

This year’s theme for all events is Connecting the Women of SLU. Join us for fellowship at any of these programs hosted during the 2013-2014 academic year:

**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013**
*I Don’t Know How I Do It All Either*
Room 256, Busch Student Center
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013**
*Breaking Open the Time Capsule: A Historical Perspective of the Women at SLU*
Room 256, Busch Student Center
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013**
*Holiday Program*
Boileau Hall
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013**
*YWCA Leader Lunch*
Millennium Hotel
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014**
*Book Club with former Trauma Nurse, SLU Alumnus and New York Times Bestselling, Award-Winning author Eileen Dreyer*
Room 253-A and 253-D
Busch Student Center
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014**
*SLU Women in International Service*
Center for Global Citizenship 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**
*Women’s Wellness*
Multipurpose Room in the Allied Health Professions Building
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 30, 2014**
*Women of the Year Luncheon*
Wool Ballroom
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.